



## Partnership Agreement

### for activities of the iMONITRAF! network 2026–2028

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#### 1. Continuation of iMONITRAF! in the period 2026–2028

iMONITRAF! activities in the years 2013–2025 have highlighted the need for coordinated efforts on modal shift from road to rail, decarbonisation of transport and the monitoring of comparable data on the major transalpine corridors. Political representatives of the regions Tyrol, Central Switzerland and the Autonomous Provinces of Bolzano/Bozen-South Tyrol and the Autonomous Province of Trento herewith thus re-confirm the need for continuing the iMONITRAF! cooperation. Support from the observer regions Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur, Ticino and Bavaria has also been validated.

They agree to continue their activities in the structure containing partners and observers, a lead partner and a Coordination Point in the period 2026–2028:

- The cooperation is based on the initial partnership agreement as signed in Brussels on 6 November 2012 including tasks and activities provided by the partner regions, the iMONITRAF! Coordination Point as well as EURAC Research.
- The regions will provide different amounts of financial contributions and manpower, according to their individual means. Minimum requirements are provision of data inputs for the iMONITRAF! monitoring system and manpower of about one man-month per year per region to join the network's activities as full partner. Partner regions have full power of co-decision on all activities of the network
- The activities of the Coordination Point need to be planned according to the available budget. Before launching any additional activities, appropriate financial means need to be guaranteed.
- The State of Tyrol will remain Lead Partner for the iMONITRAF! Coordination Point for the period 2026–2028 with responsibilities regarding financial matters and, after consultation and agreement of all partners, contracting of external experts.
- The cooperation is based on the consensus principle. Every action, decision and publication with public perception and external impact needs unanimous consensus to be taken and brought forward. The activities are agreed upon yearly in a annual work program in a joint decision by all partners.
- The partnership agreement 2026–2028 maintains the role of observers for iMONITRAF! regions that want to continue the cooperation in a more flexible way. The existing observers Canton of Ticino, Bavaria and Provence-Alpes-Côte-d'Azur will maintain their observer status within iMONITRAF!.

- Observer regions are expected to provide support for all activities at technical level (i.e. provision of monitoring data or regional measures) but have no power of co-decision.

## 2. Activities of the iMONITRAF! network in 2026–2028

The participating regions agree that the activities of iMONITRAF! in the period 2026–2028 will focus on the following main tasks. Each year, detailed activities are defined in the annual work programme.

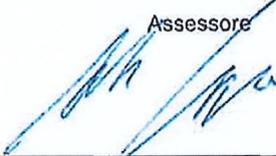
- **Work focus 1 – Monitoring:** The collection and further harmonisation of traffic and traffic related data on the different transalpine corridors remains at the core of the cooperation. In the period 2026-2028, iMONITRAF! will further advance and improve the common monitoring system and target indicators – including the graphic representation on the Platform of Knowledge and the definition of new and additional indicators. The monitoring indicators will be reviewed and further developed, e.g. to reflect developments related to alternative technologies but also rail quality. They will be presented in detail in the iMONITRAF! Annual Report. The aim is to maintain and strengthen the role as data platform of reference for the Alpine Region.
- **Work focus 2 – Knowledge sharing:** As bottom line, the annual exchange on regional measures will be continued. Main insights of this exchange are summarised in the frame of the Annual Report. According to the needs of the iMONITRAF! regions and potential windows-of-opportunity, specific measures that are in line with the iMONITRAF! Combined Scenario can be analysed in-depth by the Coordination Point upon agreement by all partners in the work programme.
- **Work focus 3 – Networking and coordination:** To share insights from the monitoring and the work on knowledge sharing with other stakeholders at regional and national level in the Alps and at European level; iMONITRAF! will maintain and nurture its network to ensure visibility for the specific needs of the regions situated along the major transalpine corridors.
- **Work focus 4 – Annual focus topic:** Each year, the Coordination Point will work on one or two focus topics (e.g. specific elements of the Combined Scenario, further development of the target indicators, specific insights on technological trends, etc.). The focus topics for each year are agreed with all partners during a partner meeting and are laid down in the annual work programme.
- **Management tasks:** The Coordination Point further organises all internal coordination activities of the network, including two meetings per year at technical level, the provision of regular news mails, the provision of the sharepoint system, support of the Lead Partner in updating the website, compilation of "indicator in spotlight", organising at least one political meeting during the period 2026-2028, etc.

### 3. Specific agreement on roles and contributions

The participating regions of the iMONITRAFI network agree that the State of Tyrol will continue the role of lead partner in the period 2026–2028 and will coordinate the contracts with EURAC Research (external support monitoring) and the Coordination Point (all other external support).

#### Agreement on total financial and/or personnel commitment

The overall contribution of resources for the common activities for the years 2026–2028 is given in the table below.

Region	Commitment for the period 2026–2028 Contributions per year		DATE and SIGNATURE
	on total financial resources (in 1'000 €)	on personnel resources (in man-months)	
<b>iMONITRAFI Partners</b>			
<b>Central Switzerland</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.5</b>	Céline HUBER Regierungsrätin, Kanton Uri 
<b>South Tyrol</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.5</b>	Daniel ALFREIDER Landeshauptmann-Stellvertreter 
<b>Trento</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0.5</b>	Mattia GOTTARDI Assessore 
<b>Tyrol</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	René ZUMTOBEL Landesrat 
<b>Observers</b>			
<b>Provence- Alpes-Côte d'Azur</b>	<b>Contribution to monitoring and update on regional measures</b>		
<b>Ticino</b>			
<b>Bavaria</b>			